

AN ACT  
OF  
THE LEGISLATURE OF ILLINOIS,  
*Disapproving of Nullification, &c.*

FEBRUARY 11, 1833.  
Read, and laid upon the table.

STATE OF ILLINOIS, EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT,  
*Vandalia, 29th December, 1832.*

SIR: I enclose to you a copy of the President's proclamation, and the resolutions of the General Assembly of this State thereon, together with a message of the Executive of the State.

I have the honor to be,

Your obedient servant,

JOHN REYNOLDS.

The Hon. JOSEPH DUNCAN,  
*Representative in Congress.*

IN THE ILLINOIS LEGISLATURE,  
*December 26, 1832.*

Whereas the President of the United States, in his proclamation of the 10th instant, has exhibited a just view of the origin of our free constitution, and of the powers confided by that sacred instrument to the States and the General Government: And whereas, by the said proclamation, the assumed power of a State to annul a law of Congress is conclusively shown to be "incompatible with the existence of the Union, contradicted expressly by the letter of the constitution, unauthorized by its spirit, inconsistent with every principle on which it was founded, and destructive of the great object for which it was formed:" And whereas the particular application of this assumed power to the alleged grievances of South Carolina is most ably and unanswerably refuted, and the dangerous and treasonable doctrine of the right of secession, combatted by the clearest reasoning, is denounced in a spirit of devoted attachment to the Union: And whereas, also, the Executive has expressed a confident reliance on the undivided support of the nation, in his "determination to execute the laws, to preserve the Union by all constitutional means, and to arrest, if possible, by moderate but firm measures, the necessity of a recourse to force."

*Therefore, resolved by the people of the State of Illinois, represented in the General Assembly, That we highly approve the sentiments contained in the said proclamation, and the avowed purpose of repelling the unconstitutional and dangerous designs announced in the "disorganizing edict" of the South Carolina Convention.*

*Resolved, That, whilst we admire the firmness that would resist "the mad project of disunion," we cordially approve the spirit of moderation which deprecates "any offensive act on the part of the United States."*

*Resolved, That "disunion by armed force is treason," and should be treated as such by the constituted authorities of the nation.*

*Resolved, That, whilst we deplore the spirit of disaffection manifested by our South Carolina brethren, and should hail with unmingled satisfaction their return to the first great principles of our Union, we hold it to be the duty of every citizen of the United States, without distinction of sect or party, to rally to the support of the great charter of American freedom.*

*Resolved, That, should the pacific invitation and solemn warning of our illustrious President fail to recall the disaffected to their duty—should the anti-republican doctrine of nullification be persisted in, and treason rear its polluted form within the bosom of our prosperous, patriotic, and peaceful Republic, we do hereby instruct our Senators in Congress, and request our Representative, to unite in the most speedy and vigorous measures on the part of the General Government for the preservation of the peace, integrity, and honor, of the Union. And we do hereby solemnly pledge the faith of our State in support of the administration of the laws and constitution of our beloved country.*

*Resolved, That a copy of the foregoing resolutions be transmitted to the President of the United States, to the heads of the several departments at Washington, and to our Senators and Representative in Congress.*

I certify the foregoing preamble and resolutions were unanimously adopted by the House of Representatives.

DAVID PRICKETT,

*Clerk of the House of Representatives.*

ALEXANDER M. JENKINS,

*Speaker of the House of Representatives.*

I certify the foregoing preamble and resolutions were unanimously adopted by the Senate.

JESSE B. THOMAS, jr.

*Secretary of the Senate.*

ZADOC CASEY,

*Speaker of the Senate.*